| Sl. No. | Name of the Telecom Circle/ District | Waiting list as on 31.03.2000 |
|---|---|---|
| 10. | Kerala | 647165 |
| 11. | Madhya Pradesh | 40534 |
| 12. | Maharashtra | 26023 |
| 13. | Northeast | 26023 |
| 14. | Orissa | 42527 |
| 15. | Punjab | 176732 |
| 16. | Rajasthan | 95172 |
| 17. | Tamil Nadu | 598505 |
| 18. | Uttar Pradesh (E) | 201242 |
| 19. | Uttar Pradesh (W) | 123806 |
| 20. | West Bengal | 157561 |
| 21. | Calcutta | 313 |
| 22. | Chennai | 16591 |
| 23. | Delhi | 81871 |
| 24. | Mumbai | 23843 |
| | TOTAL: | 3680715 |

**Instructions regarding installation of telephone connections**

3249. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any instructions exist ensuring installation of telephone connections within a time limit in case telephone connections having been recommended by Member of Parliament from their quota;

(b) if so, the details thereof, in normal conditions and in technically not feasible conditions;

(c) whether these instructions are being adhered to by all officers of the Ministry dealing with installation of telephone connections; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the existing instructions telephone connections recommended by Hon'ble Members of Parliament from their quota are required to be installed within 30 days from the date of sanction subject to technical feasibility. Telephone connections falling under technically non-feasible areas are installed only

after the area becomes technically feasible. However, the party as well as the Hon'ble Member of Parliament are kept informed accordingly in regard to technically non-feasible cases.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. All such cases are directly monitored by the respective Chief General Managers of all the Telecom Circles/Districts and Telecom Commission Headquarters is kept apprised accordingly.

**Waiting list of telephone connections in Assam**

3250. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has plan to provide telephone connections on demand from the year 2000 onwards; and

(b) if so, the details of waiting list for telephone connections in Assam as on date and by when the telephone connections are likely to be provided to the wait-listed people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) The Ninth Five Year Plan of Department of Telecom Services envisages to provide telephone connections on demand in the country by 31.3.2002 with the participation of private sector complementing the efforts of Government.

(b) The waiting list for telephone connections in Assam Telecom Circle as on 31.3.2000 was only 5475 as against the all India figure of 36.81 lakh. These wait listed people in Assam Circle will be provided telephone connections progressively during the current financial year.

**Waiting list of telephone connections in Orissa**

3251. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the exchange-wise number of waiting list for the telephone connections in Orissa and the time frame by when the waiting list is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): The exchange-wise number of waiting list for telephone connections in Orissa is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 85. The existing waiting list is likely to be